

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2, 3, and 4 without prejudice.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A holding device for a beverage container intended for installation in a holdable arm rest in a motor vehicle, the holding device comprising a carriage guidable as a drawer in a housing to be displaceable back and forth between a pushed-in position and a pulled-out position so that a beverage container can be inserted into the holding device when said carriage is in the pulled-out position; guide means for guiding said carriage during its displacement between said positions; a gravity locking device which locks said carriage in the pushed-in position when said carriage is not in an approximately horizontal position, said gravity locking device has a locking member which moves into a locked position as a result of gravity, when said carriage is pivoted into a position that is not approximately horizontal, and which moves into an unlocked position as a result of gravity, when said carriage is pivoted into an approximately horizontal position, at a slant relative to a direction of displacement of said carriage, said locking member being located in a hole in said carriage and when said carriage is

in the approximately horizontal position does not engage said housing, while
when said carriage is pivoted into a position that is not approximately
horizontal said locking member moves in the hole of said carriage into an
opening of said housing so as to lock said carriage immovably in said
housing.

Amended claim 1:

1. A holding device for a beverage container intended for installation in a holdable arm rest in a motor vehicle, the holding device comprising a carriage guidable as a drawer in a housing to be displaceable back and forth between a pushed-in position and a pulled-out position so that a beverage container can be inserted into the holding device when said carriage is in the pulled-out position; guide means for guiding said carriage during its displacement between said positions; a gravity locking device which locks said carriage in the pushed-in position when said carriage is not in an approximately horizontal position, said gravity locking device has a locking member which moves into a locked position as a result of gravity, when said carriage is pivoted into a position that is not approximately horizontal, and which moves into an unlocked position as a result of gravity, when said carriage is pivoted into an approximately horizontal position, at a slant relative to a direction of displacement of said carriage, said locking member being located in a hole in said carriage and when said carriage is in the approximately horizontal position does not engage said housing, while when said carriage is pivoted into a position that is not approximately horizontal said locking member moves in the hole of said carriage into an opening of said housing so as to lock said carriage immovably in said

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housing.

Add the following claim:

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12. A holding device as defined in claim 1, wherein said locking member is formed as a bolt which is located in the hole of said carriage and movable so as to engage into the opening of said housing when said carriage is pivoted into the position that is not approximately horizontal.